

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method of performing distributed testing of a target comprising the
2 steps of:
3 identifying at least one system which meets a predetermined criteria;
4 scheduling said at least one system to provide load to said target;
5 deploying said at least one system at the scheduled time, said at least one
6 system providing load to said target.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said target comprises a web site.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said target comprises a software
2 component.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said predetermined criteria are selected
2 from the group comprising: locations of said systems, sizes of said systems,
3 speeds of said systems, and availability of said systems.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein said at least one system provides load
2 across a network to said target.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1 further including the step of defining a catalog
2 of potential systems which meet said predetermined criteria and wherein said
3 step of identifying at least one system is performed from said catalog of
4 potential systems.
- 1 7. The method of claim 3 wherein said software component is selected
2 from the group consisting of EJB, Corba, COM, DCOM and COM+.

- 1 8. The method of claim 5 wherein said network comprises the Internet.
- 1 9. The method of claim 6 wherein said catalog is dynamic.
- 1 10. The method of claim 6 wherein said catalog is static.
- 1 11. A method of performing distributed monitoring of a target
2 comprising the steps of:
3 identifying at least one system which meets a predetermined criteria;
4 scheduling said at least one system to monitor said target; and
5 deploying said at least one system at the scheduled time, said system
6 providing monitor functions to said target.
- 1 12. The method of claim 11 wherein said target comprises a web site.
- 1 13. The method of claim 11 wherein said predetermined criteria are
2 selected from the group comprising: locations of said at least one system,
3 sizes of said at least one system, speeds of said at least one system, and
4 availability of said at least one system.
- 1 14. The method of claim 11 wherein said at least one system provides
2 monitor functions across a network to said target.
- 1 15. The method of claim 1 further including the step of defining a catalog
2 of potential system which meet said predetermined criteria and wherein said
3 step of identifying at least one system is performed from said catalog of
4 potential systems.

1 16. The method of claim 14 wherein said network comprises the Internet.

1 17. The method of claim 15 wherein said catalog is dynamic.

1 18. The method of claim 15 wherein said catalog is static.

1 19. A computer program product for performing distributed load testing of
2 a target comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable
3 code thereon, including program code which:

4 identifies at least one system which meets a predetermined criteria;
5 schedules said at least one system to provide load to said target; and
6 deploys said at least one system at the scheduled time, said at least one
7 system providing load to said target.

1 20. The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said target
2 comprises a web site.

1 21. The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said target comprises
2 a software component.

1 22. The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said predetermined
2 criteria are selected from the group comprising: locations of said at least
3 one system, sizes of said at least one system, speeds of said at least one
4 system, and availability of said at least one system.

1 23. The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said systems provide
2 load across a network to said target.

1 24. The computer program product of claim 19 further comprising program
2 code for defining a catalog of potential systems which meet said
3 predetermined criteria and wherein said program code for identifying said
4 at least one system is performed from said catalog of potential systems.

1 25. The method of claim 21 wherein said software component is selected
2 from the group consisting of EJB, Corba, COM, DCOM, and COM+.

1 26. The computer program product of claim 23 wherein said network
2 comprises the Internet.

1 27. The computer program product of claim 24 wherein said catalog is
2 dynamic.

1 28. The computer program product of claim 24 wherein said catalog is static.

1 29. A computer program product for performing distributed monitoring of a
2 target comprising computer usable medium having computer readable
3 code thereon, including program code which:
4 identifies at least one system which meets a predetermined criteria;
5 schedules said at least one system to provide load to said target; and
6 deploys said at least one system at the scheduled time, said at least one
7 system providing monitor functions to said target.

1 30. The computer program product of claim 29 wherein said target comprises
2 a web site.

1 31. The computer program product of claim 29 wherein said target comprises
2 a software component.

1 32. The computer program product of claim 18 wherein said predetermined
2 criteria are selected from the group comprising: locations of said at least
3 one system, sizes of said at least one system, speeds of said at least one
4 system, and availability of said at least one system.

1 33. The computer program product of claim 27 further comprising program
2 code for defining a catalog of potential systems which meet said
3 predetermined criteria and wherein said program code for identifying said
4 at least one system is performed from said catalog of potential systems.

1 34. The computer program product of claim 27 wherein said software
2 component is selected from the group consisting of EJB, CORBA, COM,
3 DCOM, and COM+.

1 35. The computer program product of claim 29 wherein said systems provide
2 load across a network to said target.

1 36. The computer program product of claim 22 wherein said network
2 comprises the Internet.